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SUBJECT: TEXTILE DISCUSSIONS

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1. WE ASSUME FROM PARA 1 REF. A THAT RTG OFFICIALS (OSOT) WILL NOT RPT NOT BE EMPOWERED UNDERTAKE FORMAL NEGOTIATIONS IN COURSE U.S. TEAM AUGUST VISIT. ON OTHER HAND, PARA 2, REF. A, STATES OSOT "WILLING FLY WASHINGTON IF NECESSARY TO SIGN AGREEMENT AT LATER DATE". THIS WOULD APPEAR INDICATE RTG PREPARED UNDERTAKE MEANINGFUL DISCUSSIONS (INFORMAL NEGOTIATIONS) IN AUGUST AND TO REACH AD REFERENDUM UNDERSTANDINGS PREREQUISITE OSOT SUBSEQUENT VISIT WASHINGTON "TO SIGN". PROVIDING WASHINGTON VISIT OSOT COULD TAKE PLACE WITHIN 30 TO 60 DAYS OF TEAM VISIT
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TO BANGKOK, AD REFERENDUM DISCUSSION IN AUGUST COULD BE OF

MUTUAL BENEFIT.

2. IF FOREGOING ASSUMPTION CORRECT, U.S. TEAM VISIT COULD BE MUTUALLY ADVANTAGEOUS IN THAT U.S. SIDE COULD IN THAT CIRCUMSTANCE MAKE MEANINGFUL CONCRETE COMMITMENTS. HOWEVER, IF RTG SIDE NOT PREPARED EVEN REACH AD REFERENDUM UNDERSTANDINGS, U.S. SIDE COULD NOT UNDERTAKE ANY COMMITMENTS TO BE RENEGOTIATED AT LATER DATE. OUR EXPERIENCE HAS INDICATED THAT U.S. OFFERS IN SUCH

CIRCUMSTANCE ONLY PROVIDE OTHER SIDE WITH POINT OF DEPARTURE IN LATER NEGOTIATIONS. IF THIS IS CASE, TEAM VISIT WOULD BE OF MARGINAL UTILITY AT THIS TIME AND SHOULD BE SHORTENED TO ONE TO TWO DAYS AT MOST.

3. EMB. REQUESTED CONTACT OSOT SOONEST TO ASCERTAIN WHETHER OR NOT RTG PREPARED UNDERTAKE SERIOUS AND MEANINGFUL DISCUSSIONS DURING PROPOSED AUGUST VISIT. NEED EMB. APPRECIATION SITUATION SOONEST SINCE U.S. TEAM ONWARD TRAVEL PLANS MAY HAVE TO BE ADJUSTED IN LIGHT RTG RESPONSE. ROGERS

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